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SUBJECT: ROKG FAVORABLE TO USG CANDIDATE FOR IOM

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(SBU) On July 9, 2007, poloff delivered reftel points regarding AMB Swing's candidacy for IOM Director General to Ko, Ok-Sok, Deputy Director of MOFAT Overseas Korean Policy Division I. Ko noted that the election was in June 2008, but at this point ROKG looks favorably upon USG candidate AMB Swing. Ko welcomed further consultations as the election draws near. A copy of the IOM constitutional amendment that would impose a two-term limit on the Director General position would be helpful in the ROKG decisionmaking process, Ko stated.
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